

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2007
CHINCOTEAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Members Present:

John H. Tarr, Mayor
Anita Speidel, Vice Mayor
Nancy B. Conklin, Councilwoman
Terry Howard, Councilman
Ellen W. Richardson, Councilwoman
E. David Ross, Councilman
Glenn B. Wolfe, Councilman

Call to Order

Mayor Tarr called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Invocation

Councilman Ross offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tarr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum/Public Participation.

Mr. Ray Rosenberger stated that he supports the idea of hiring additional EMS personnel. He also commented that he thought the initial grant for the Broadband project was going to be sufficient to cover the costs of the project and that he was disappointed that the A-NPDC was requesting additional funding for completion of the project.

Agenda Additions/Deletions and Adoption

Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

***1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 5 and 15, 2007
Council Meetings.***

Councilman Howard noted that in the *Mayor and Council Announcements or Comments* section of the March 5 minutes, *Vice Mayor Speidel's name needed to be added to those Council members in favor of* amending the agenda to include the discussion of allowing Mayor Tarr to draft a letter of Council's comments regarding the proposed parking fees on Assateague and that *Councilman Ross's name needed to be deleted from those in favor of the motion*. Councilman Wolfe motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Speidel, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. *Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) Request for Broadband Funds.*

Mrs. Barbara Schwenk of the A-NPDC requested that the Town contribute \$4,368 to offset A-NPDC administrative costs for the Broadband project. She explained that half of the projected total deficit of \$26,206 will be paid by the A-NPDC and the other half will be divided equally between Accomack County, and the Towns of Chincoteague and Exmore.

Council voiced concerns regarding fairness of the division of funds requested by the A-NPDC between the three localities mentioned. Mrs. Schwenk responded that she will discuss the Town's concerns with the A-NPDC.

3. *Chincoteague Recreation and Convention Center Authority Report.*

Councilwoman Conklin reported on the Center's events for February and March. [The minutes for these two meetings were not prepared for approval at this meeting.]

4. *Recreation and Community Enhancement Committee Report.*

Vice Mayor Speidel reported on the March 8, 2007 meeting. Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. *Public Works Committee Report.*

Councilman Wolffe reported on the March 13, 2007 meeting. Councilwoman Conklin motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Speidel, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. *Harbor Committee Report.*

Councilman Howard reported on the March 14, 2007 meeting. Councilman Ross noted that he did not attend the meeting as stated in the minutes. Councilman Wolffe motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Speidel, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Item 2 – Leasing Challenges – Councilman Howard read the proposed policy which essentially states that the lessee of a slip must also be the primary operator of the boat that is docked in the slip. It was the consensus of Council to send the proposed policy to Town Attorney Poulson to review and correct the language.

7. *Budget and Personnel Committee Report.*

Councilwoman Conklin reported on the March 20, 2007 meeting. Councilman Wolffe motioned, seconded by Councilman Howard, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Request for Additional Staffing of Emergency Medical Personnel – Councilwoman Conklin explained the need for the additional personnel and the possible ways to fund the

positions. Councilman Wolffe motioned, seconded by Councilman Ross, to send the matter to the Budget and Personnel Committee for review. The motion was unanimously approved.

- New Position Description for the Public Works Department – Councilwoman Richardson motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Speidel, to approve the Waterworks Trainee Position Description for the Public Works Department. The motion was unanimously approved.
- New Position Description for the Police Department – Councilman Wolffe motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to approve the Office Assistant/Telecommunicator Position Description for the Police Department. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. *Deed of Vacation of Property Line – Gene Wayne Taylor.*

Mayor Tarr opened the public hearing regarding vacation of the property line between Lots 10 and 11 of the Pine Ridge Development. After hearing no public comment, Mayor Tarr closed the public hearing.

Councilman Wolffe motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to adopt the following ordinance for the deed of vacation of a property line. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tax Map Number 030A5-2400-00010-00
030A5-2400-00011-00

THIS DEED OF VACATION is made this 2nd day of April, 2007 by Gene Wayne Taylor, party of the first part, to be referred to as “Grantor” and “Grantee” for indexing purposes.

The Grantor hereby agrees and requests the vacation of a certain plat of survey situated in the Town of Chincoteague entitled “Pine Ridge Development, Property of Mrs. Josephine Anne Shelley Located on Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia” dated August 30, 1952 made by J. B. Gibbs, C.S., to show Lots 2,6,7,10,11,38, 46,47,53,53,54,58,59 and 62, said plat being recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia in Plat Book 8, page 85, reference said to plat being hereby made for a more particular description of the herein conveyed property, and in which subdivision the property line dividing Lot 10 and Lot 11 of the “Pine Ridge Development, Property of Mrs. Josephine Anne Shelley Located on Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia” be vacated.

WHEREAS, the basis of said vacation is at the request of the owner of said lots for the purpose of construction of a single family dwelling.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

1. That the property line between Lot 10 and Lot 11 of the entitled “Pine Ridge Development, Property of Mrs. Josephine Anne Shelley Located on Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia” dated August 30, 1952

made by J. B. Gibbs, C.S., to show Lots 2,6,7,10,11,38,46,47,53,53,54, 58,59 and 62, said plat being recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia in Plat Book 8, page 85 be vacated.

2. That a certified copy of the vacation be recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia.

9. Mayor and Council Announcements or Comments.

- Councilman Ross asked if there will be a celebration commemorating the 100th year of the Town's establishment. Mayor Tarr responded that the matter will be researched.
- Councilwoman Richardson thanked Public Works Director Cosby and his department for having the trees limbs that were in the right-of-way cut down.
- Mayor Tarr commented that the local radio station, 96.5 WCTG, has considered relocating to Princess Anne, Maryland. He stated that he would like to see the station keep a local office and that he would like to talk to the station owner regarding the matter.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mayor Tarr announced that the next meeting will be on April 19, 2007 at 7:30 pm. Councilman Howard motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor

Town Manager